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Digital India Plan
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Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

Will the Minister of Electronics and Information Technology be pleased to state:-
(a) the details of schemes and projects being implemented under the Digital India initiative and the results achieved in this regard;
(b) whether his Ministry has started work on the next phase of Digital India Plan seeking more private participation besides expanding into areas lacking digital penetration and speed up digitisation and network growth for quick delivery and implementation of e-governance services in rural and backward areas;
(c) if so, the details thereof;
(d) whether the Government is working on application of Internet on things in agriculture, Swachh Bharat, Clean Ganga, Smart Cities and use of drones in monitoring of projects, land survey agriculture spraying and forest survey; and
(e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken on each of the initiative?

Answer

(a): The Government of India is implementing the "Digital India" programme with a vision to transform India into a digitally empowered society and a knowledge economy. It is an Umbrella Programme that covers multiple Ministries and Departments. Several projects/schemes are being implemented under nine pillars of Digital India programme, namely Broadband Highways, Universal Access to Mobile Connectivity, Public Internet Access Programme, e-Governance- Reforming government through Technology, e-Kranti- Electronic delivery of services, Information for All, Electronics Manufacturing - Target NET ZERO Imports, IT for Jobs and Early Harvest Programme. Some of the schemes/projects implemented by MeitY are as follows:
In order to utilize and harness the benefits of Cloud Computing, Meghraj- GI Cloud project has been implemented. Under MeghRaj, an eGov AppStore has been implemented as a central application repository to host both cloud and non-cloud enabled applications. A countrywide initiative on mobile governance, called Mobile Seva, to provide government services to the people also through mobile phones and tablets has been implemented. Under National Centre of Geo-informatics (NCoG) project, Geographic Information System (GIS) platform for sharing, collaboration, location based analytics and decision support system for Departments has been developed and 8 applications across various domains are operational.

Under Digital India programme, good results have been recorded in Electronic and Information Technology sector. The digital footprint has gone up through Aadhaar seeding and Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT). Aadhaar enrolment has increased to 108 crores in November 2016 as against 73 crores in December 2014. The Government is keenly pursuing JAM (Jandhan − Aadhaar − Mobile) for financial inclusion. The e-Governance service transactions have increased to more than 64 crore per month in 2016 as against 29.4 crores per month in 2014. The citizen participation has increased multiple times through citizen engagement programs such as MyGov. The governments services are being delivered at the doorstep of citizens through 2.53 lakh Digital Seva Kendras (Common Services Centres − CSC) while increasing transparency, efficiency and reliability.

To facilitate, on line procurement of Goods & Services required by various Government Departments / Organizations / PSUs, Government e-Marketplace (GeM) has been developed. GeM will enhance transparency, efficiency and speed in public procurement. UMANG (Unified Mobile App for new age Governance) is an initiative to build a common, unified platform and mobile app to facilitate single point of access for government services through mobile. Through the application, citizens can access high impact pan India e-Gov services from the central Government, State Governments, local bodies and their agencies and, even those from private sector. eSign framework has been developed as an integrated service, which facilitates issuing a Digital Signature Certificate and performing signing of requested document by authenticating the Aadhaar card holder.

Digital Locker provides an ecosystem with collection of repositories and gateways for issuers to upload the documents in the digital repositories, which eliminates the usage of physical documents and enable sharing of e-documents across agencies. So far, over 40.31 lakh Lockers have been opened. About 52.84 lakh documents have been self-uploaded.

e-Hospital-Online Registration Framework (ORF) is an initiative to facilitate the patients to take online OPD appointments with government hospitals. This framework also covers patient care, laboratory services and medical record management. So far, e-Hospital is functional in 58 Govt. hospitals and more than 41.19 lakh appointments have been taken online.

National Scholarship Portal (NSP) provides a centralized platform for application and disbursement of scholarship to students under any scholarship scheme. Over 1.00 crore applications have been submitted. There are 23 registered schemes from 16 Ministries/ Departments which includes over 16.17 lakh registered institutions/ boards/ universities.

Jeevan Pramaan is an Aadhaar based Biometric Authentication System for Pensioners. The system provides authenticity to Digital Life Certificate without the necessity of the pensioner being present in person before his/ her Pension Dispensing Authority (PDA). Since its launch, over 36.78 lakh pensioners have registered on the portal.

Besides above, significant results have been recorded in several projects/schemes being implemented in various domains like health, education, employment, trade, finances, law and order, etc.

(b) and (c): No, Sir. However, the Digital India programme has been envisaged to cover all the projects being implemented presently and to be implemented in future. In this regard, many projects such as Digital Locker, e-Sign, e-Hospital, Digitize India Platform, Government e-Market Place(GeM), etc. projects have been implemented and many other projects such as Unified Mobile Application for New Age Governance (UMANG), Rapid Application System (RAS), National Centre of Geo-Informatics (NCoG), Digital Village etc are being implemented. For most of the Digital India projects, further scaling up to cover more services, more beneficiaries, better infrastructure, more language, etc. have been provisioned under various projects.

(d) and (e): Yes, Sir. MeitY has supported a project to set-up a Centre of Excellence for Internet of Things (IoT) at NASSCOM, Bangalore in Public-private partnership (PPP) mode which was approved in the financial year 2015-16 with an outlay of ` 2195.22 lakhs with MeitY's contribution of ` 1077.72 lakhs for duration of 5 years. Major objective of this project is to enable India as Innovation Hub for the emerging technology of IoT and to support Government initiatives on IoT solutions for specific India's needs in areas such as water, energy, agriculture, health, security and privacy of data. As part of this project, physical infrastructure for IoT will be set-up to encourage start-ups.

The physical laboratory infrastructure is operational under this project. The Centre of Excellence for Internet of Things (IoT) has issued guidelines for selection of Start-ups and 5 Start-ups have been selected for incubation.
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